Orphanages

Annual expenditure of the I.D.T. Islam Orphanage at Calicut.

* 386 Q.—Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government receive the accounts relating to the annual expenditure of I.D.T. Islam Orphanage at Calicut;

(b) if so, what is the cost of boarding and lodging per orphan in that institution; and

(c) what is the rate of Government grant per orphan?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) The Government have not laid down any rates of boarding grants to Indian orphanages. The usual procedure is to distribute the budget provision available each year *pro rata* among the eligible children, subject to a maximum of half the net cost to the management. The grants paid in 1926–27 worked out to Rs. 8–9–2 per head for a year.

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB:—"With regard to the answer to (a), may I know whether any other orphanages to which Government give aid submit their accounts of expenditure?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I want notice."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Introduction of a Bill to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 387 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has any intention of introducing a Bill to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act;

(b) if so, when and on what lines; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 87. The more important amendments in view are indicated below:—

(1) Application of the Act to all temples irrespective of income.

(2) Separation of the judicial and administrative functions of the Board and the constitution of two boards, viz., an Administrative Board of three and a Judicial Board of two Commissioners.

(3) Placing of excepted temples on a par with non-excepted temples.

(4) Levy of contribution due to the committee at two per cent of the income of temples instead of at $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent as at present and exemption of temples with an income of less than Rs. 500 from payment of contribution.

(5) Provision for removal or suspension of members of temple committees for corruption or misconduct.